REMARKS

In a conversation with the undersigned on April 27, 2005, the Examiner indicated a drawing inconsistency in the present specification requiring a correction in the nature of providing a description of drawing Figure 11 in the brief description of the drawings.

Applicants respectfully comply with this requirement and submit an amendment to the specification to add a description of Figure 11 in satisfaction of this drawing inconsistency. Particularly, the specification is being amended to describe Figure 11 as illustrating a comparison of two graphs, a first graph depicting the transmission versus the cleaning time for the bi-layer SiTiO/Ta in a mixture of hot sulfuric acid and hydrogen peroxide solution, and a second graph depicting the transmission change plotted as a function of laser dose to illustrate durability of the APSM SiTiO on Ta.

In light of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the objection to the specification based on this ground.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney, at the following telephone number: (516) 742-4343.

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